

...SAMA!

THIS
IS MY
GRAND-
SON

I'VE JUST
RETURNED
FROM THE
HOSPITAL,
PLEASE LOOK

THERE
YOU ARE

HARU
-SAMA!

TO THINK
TOUGO
WOULD
HAVE A
GRAND-
CHILD~

YOU
EMBARRASS
ME, HARU
-SAMA

WOW, HE'S
SO SMALL~
YOU KNOW,
YOU WERE
JUST LIKE THIS
NOT TOO
LONG AGO!

HE WILL
BE THE
SEVENTH
HEAD OF
OUR SHRINE

HE IS
NAMED
SATORU





Chapter 7 Warm Days



DID
HARU
-CHAN
COME
BACK~?

GIN~

OW

HURRY!

COME
ON!



THAT KID IS
CLEARLY STILL
ATTACHED TO
THAT BRAT

I CAN
TELL
WITHOUT
SEEING
ANYTHING



AH?

NOT
HERE

COME ON~
WHAT'RE
WE GOING
TO DO?



AH,
SORRY...

...CAN YOU
LET GO OF
MY HAND?
I'M NOT
GOING
ANYWHERE



EH?
WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN,
GIN?

MAAAN

THIS
TURNED INTO
SOMETHING
REALLY
TROUBLESOME



I KNEW
THIS WOULD
HAPPEN...

HARU
MIGHT BE
A HERALD,
BUT HARU
IS STILL
YOUNG...

BACK AT OUR
SHRINE, HARU'S
PARTNER WAS
LEFT BY HIMSELF.
IT'S NOT SOMETHING
THAT HARU SHOULD
HAVE DONE AS
A HERALD...



DON'T
PUSH YOUR
PROBLEMS
ONTO ME.
I COULD
CARE LESS

tch

...I APOLO-
GIZE FOR
CAUSING YOU
TROUBLE...
IT'S ALL
MY FAULT...



THE BRAT
IS A HERALD,
NOT A CHILD,
YOU KNOW

YOU'RE
WORRYING
TOO MUCH



...THAT'S

THAT'S
NOT...

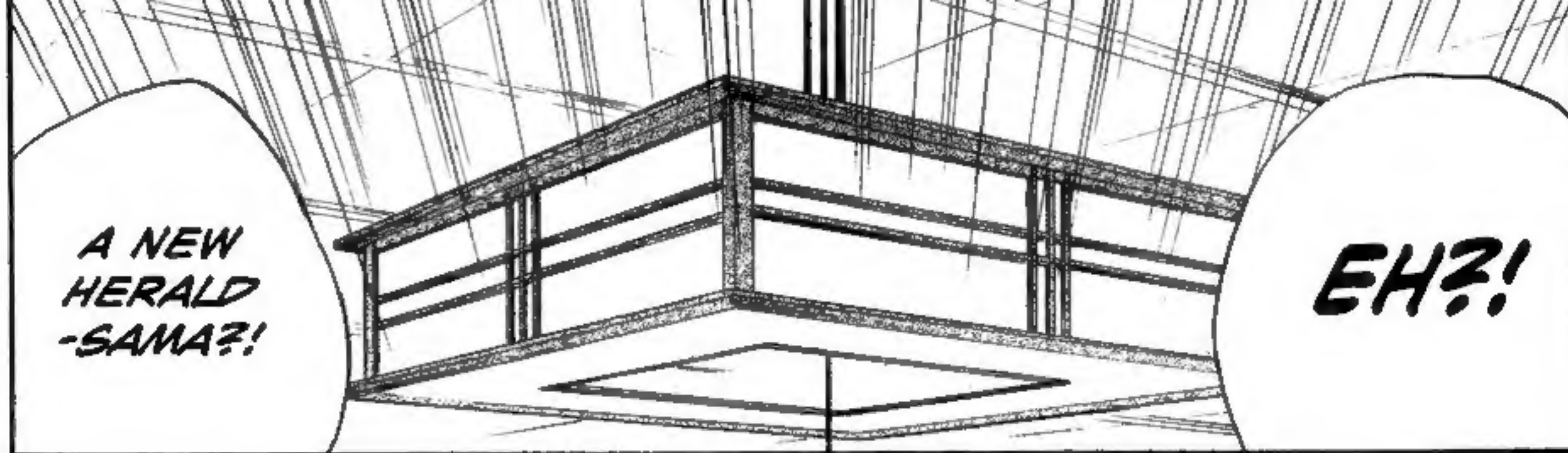
LOOK
HERE,
KID~



AIN'T YOU
THE SAME?
YOU LEFT THE
SHRINE, AND
HARU
FOLLOWED
YOU







A NEW
HERALD
-SAMA?!

EH?!



SATORU
-KUN, YOU
CAN SEE
THEM?

THAT'S
SURPRISING
IN OF
ITSELF, BUT

YOU CAN
SEE THE
HERALDS
LIKE
MAKOTO?!



YOU KIDS
LOOK LIKE
SOMEONE
JUST DIED



SO
THAT'S
HOW IT
WAS~

WELL, NO
WONDER YOU
GUYS WERE
SO FRIENDLY
FROM THE
START

ISN'T
THAT NICE,
YOU FOUND
SOMEONE
ELSE WHO
CAN ALSO
SEE



OUR
FAMILY'S
GOTTEN
BIGGER
BUT...

BUT
WHAT'S
THIS?



SORRY...

My dad's
being a bit
dramatic

IT'S JUST
ME WHO
CAN'T
SEE THE
HERALDS,
HUH...





SATORU



WHEN I WAS FIVE YEARS OLD...

...



SAY, WHEN DID IT HAPPEN? FOR ME, IT HAPPENED WHEN I WAS FOUR YEARS OLD



I SEE NOW...

SO THAT'S HOW IT IS...



WELL, HERE AND THERE



?



WE HAVE FOX SPIRITS WATCHING OVER US

WE'RE AN INARI SHRINE, SO

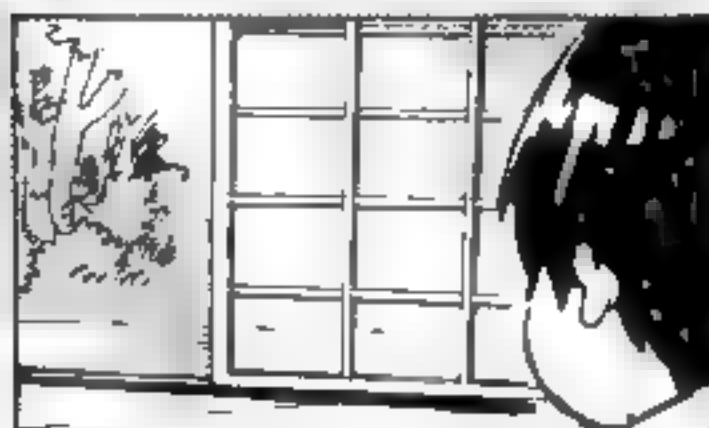
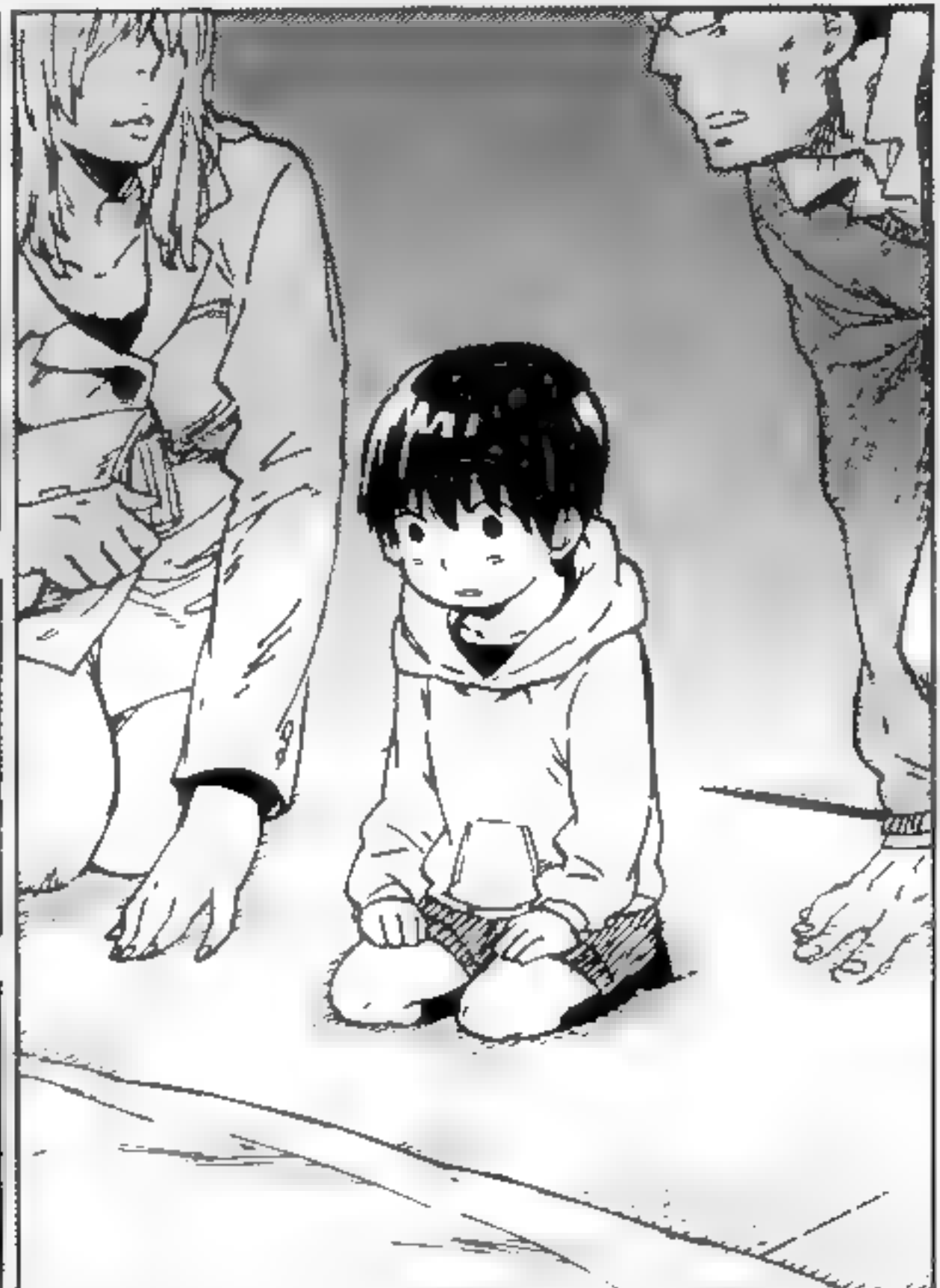
WHERE?



IT'S ALRIGHT, SATORU



GRANDPA WILL PROTECT YOU







YUP



COMPARED TO MAKOTO, DESPITE BEING THE SAME AGE YOU'RE QUITE MATURE, AREN'T YOU...

THE REASON WHY I TOOK YOU IN ISN'T JUST BECAUSE TAHARA-SENSEI ASKED ME TO



THINK IT OVER AGAIN



YOU COULD THINK OF OUR HOME AS YOUR NEW HOME







THIS IS A VERY
SIMPLE MATTER,
AND YOU JUST
HAVE TO DECIDE
FOR YOURSELF

YOU EITHER
WANT TO BE
WITH HARU
-CHAN, OR
YOU DON'T



...
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
HE'S SAYING
THAT
HOW EMBAR-
RASSING

WELL,
I STILL
LOVE YOUR
MOTHER
THOUGH!



I DON'T THINK
YOU HAVE TO
FORCE YOURSELF
TO LEAVE US
AND HARU-CHAN
RIGHT NOW

LUCKY, WE'RE AN
INARI SHRINE AS
WELL, SO IF YOU
WANTED TO STAY
WITH US WITH HARU
-CHAN, YOU COULD
DO THAT

AFTER
ALL, BEING
SEPARATED
FROM LOVED
ONES AT THE
BEST OF TIMES
IS REALLY
TOUGH...



WA



WAIT

SATORU
-KUN!



I'VE ALREADY
CAUSED SO
MUCH TROUBLE
FOR YOU AND
YOUR DAD...
I CAN'T POS-
SIBLY CAUSE
TROUBLE FOR
GINTAROU-SAMA
AS WE...

I THOUGHT
I COULD LIVE
BY MYSELF,
BUT I'M SO
HOPELESS...

**DON'T
BE SO
STUPID!!**

NO, IT'S ALL
MY FAULT
THAT THIS
HAPPENED.
I'LL FIND
HARU BY
MYSELF

**LET'S
ASK GIN
FOR HELP!**

I TOLD YOU...
GOING OUT ON
YOUR OWN ISN'T
GOING TO DO
ANY GOOD!

**WAIT A
MINUTE!**

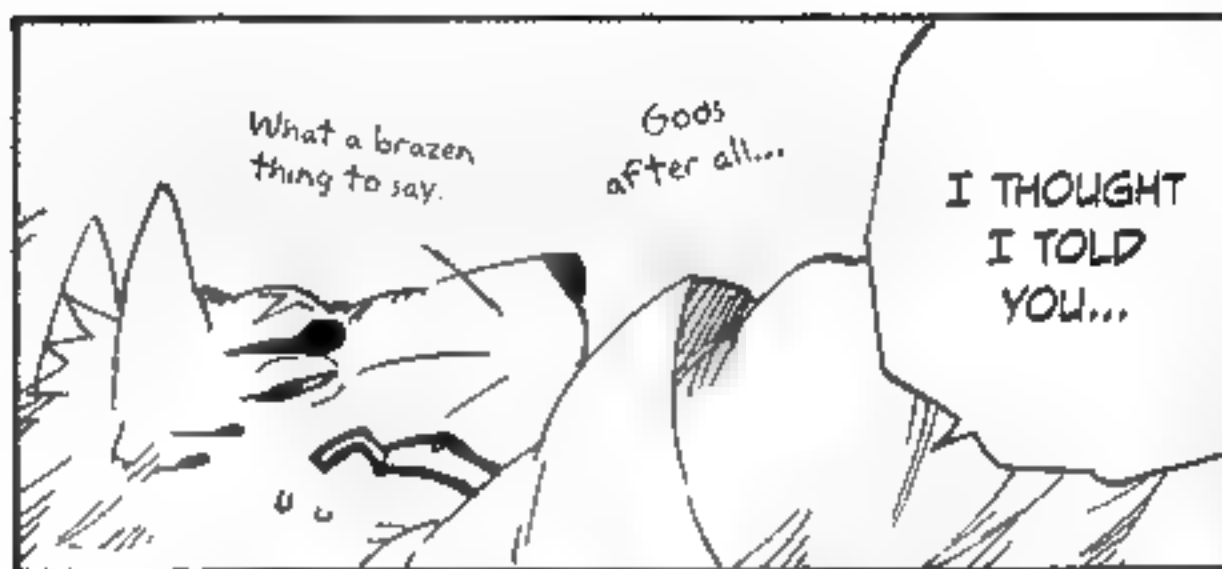
I HAVE
TO FIND
HARU...!

**THEY'RE
GODS
AFTER ALL,
WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH
THAT?!**

GINTAROU!!

NO ONE CAN
JUST GET BY
ON THEIR OWN!
IT'S FINE TO
HAVE OTHERS
HELP YOU!
IS THERE
SOMETHING
WRONG WITH
ASKING HELP
FROM THE
GODS?!

IT DOESN'T
MATTER!
WHETHER
YOU ARE A
KID OR AN
ADULT,
YOU'RE A
PERSON!



What a brazen thing to say.

Good after all...

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU...



UMPH

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PLEASE, GIN!!!



HELP US FIND HARU-CHAN!

COME ON, GIN!

QUIT PRE-TENDING TO BE SLEEPING!



COME ON, HELP ME CONVINCE GIN!

GINTAROL IS REALLY GOOD AT TELLING FORTUNES AND FINDING LOST THINGS! I'M SURE HE CAN FIND HARU-CHAN IN NO TIME IF HE TRIES...

HEY, SHOW SOME SELF RESTRAINT, WON'T YOU?!

I JUST WANT TO SLEEP IN PEACE...

ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?



THE FACT THAT HARU STAYED WITH ME...

THE FACT THAT HARU CAME ALONG WITH ME... I WAS ACTUALLY REALLY HAPPY...



...I KNEW IT ALL ALONG...

KNOWING THAT IF WE'RE GOING TO BE SEPARATED EVENTUALLY I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR HARU. NO, BETTER FOR ME IF IT HAPPENED SOONER THAN LATER.

I'M SO POWERLESS BY MYSELF, SO I RAN AWAY...



...PLEASE

Rather than good at, that's really all I can do...



PLEASE HELP ME FIND HARU...!



DAMN...

AH,
LOOKS
LIKE I
GOT NO
CHOICE!!

Gahhh,
what a
bother



IF POS-
SIBLE...
I WANT
TO STAY
HERE...

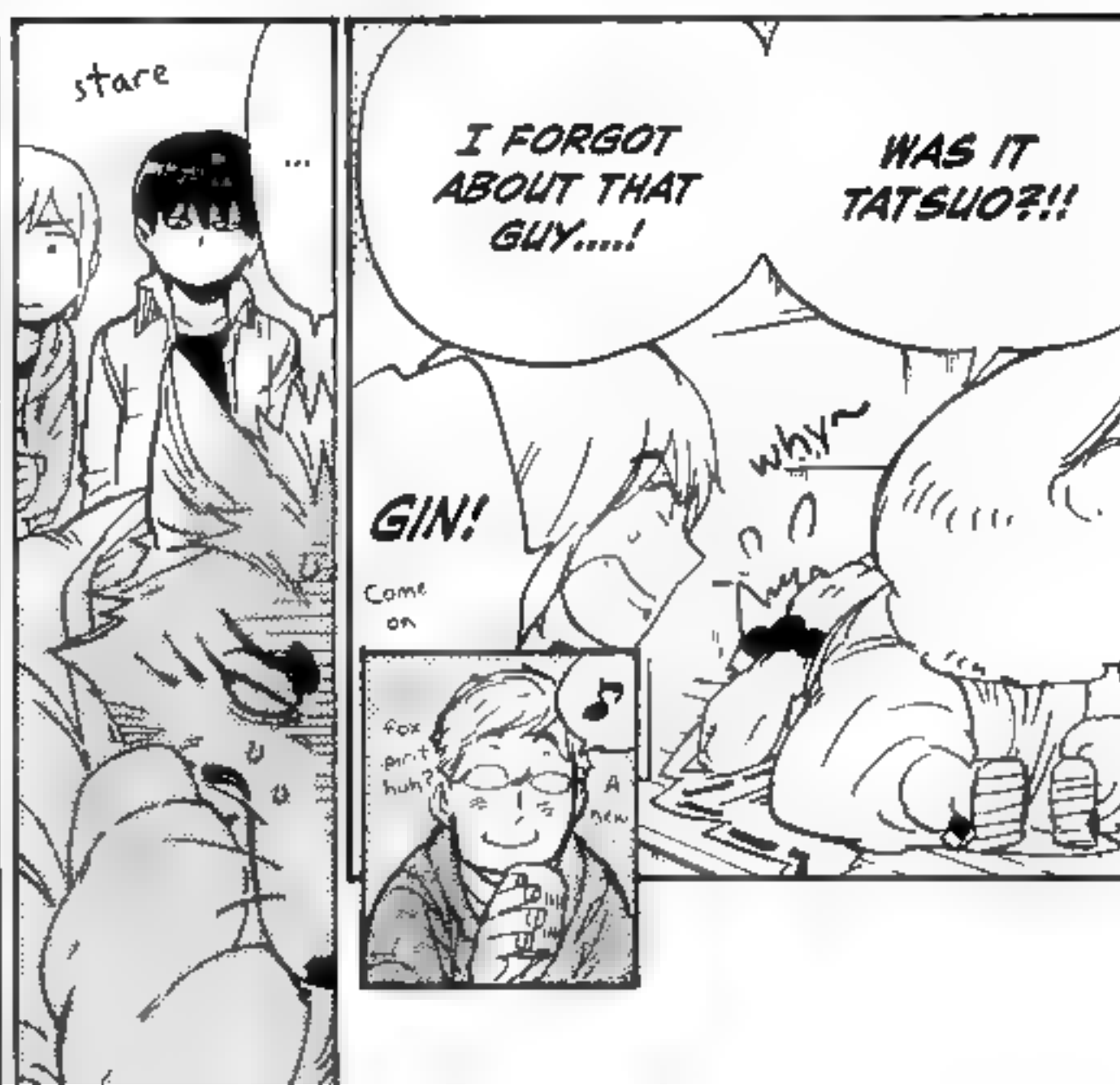
I WANT
TO BE
HERE
WITH
HARU...!



...AH...

WHAT'S
WITH THE
CHANGE OF
HEART...

WHAT'S THIS?
LOOKS LIKE
HE'S FINALLY
BEING HONEST
TO HIMSELF



stare

I FORGOT
ABOUT THAT
GUY...!

WAS IT
TATSUO?!!

GIN!

Come
on

why~

fox
print
huh?

A new





AH, THIS
ONE'S
LONG
GONE



WHY
WOULD
YOU GO
AND DO
THAT?

IT'S NOT
YOUR FOX
IS IT?



I'LL
BURY THE
FOX...

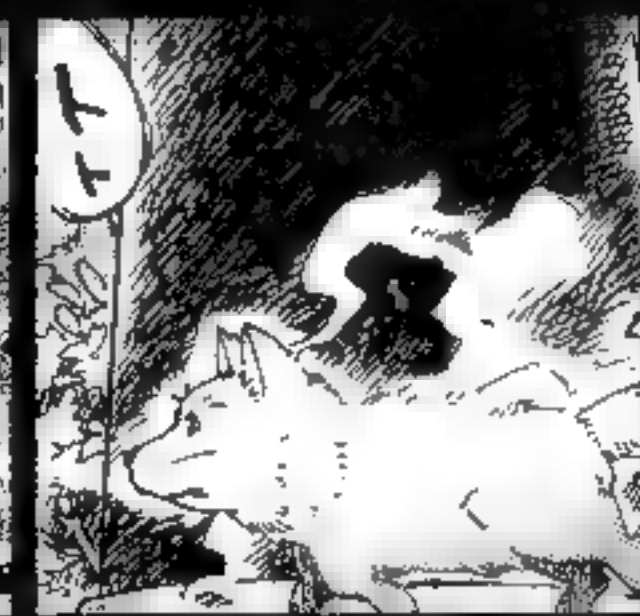
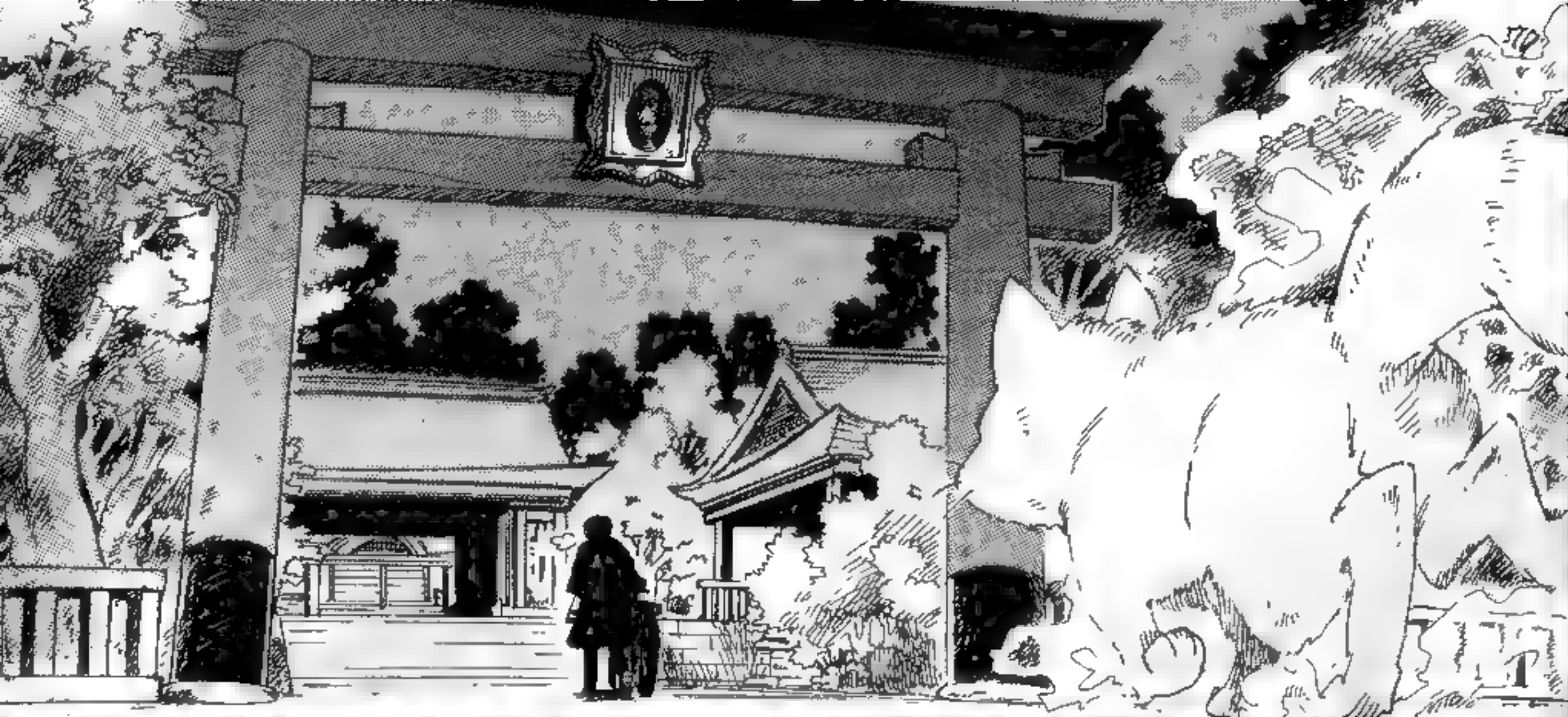
MAKE
SURE YOU
STERILIZE
YOUR HANDS
PROPERLY

FOXES
CAN CARRY
DISEASES.
DON'T WANT
YOU CATCHING
SOMETHING



ARE
YOU
STILL
OPEN?!







OH DEAR E.
THAT BOY
BROUGHT YOU
HOME WITH HIM,
DIDN'T HE

A HERALD?



LOOKS
LIKE YOU'VE
BECOME A
HERALD



IF ONE
LEAVES
ANOTHER
COMES TO
TAKE ITS
PLACE

HMM... IT
HAPPENS THAT
MY PARTNER
PASSED AWAY
THE OTHER DAY

AIN'T THAT
CONVENIENT



IT'S WHEN
THE DAYS
BECOME
WARM

SPRING?



THAT
TREE YOU
SEE OVER
THERE IS A
SAKURA
TREE

WHEN
SPRING
COMES, IT
BLOSSOMS
INTO A
WONDERFUL
THING



VERY
SOON, I
WOULD
THINK

WARM?
WHEN
DOES THAT
HAPPEN?



THAT
TREE
IS YOUR
RESTING
PLACE





WHEN THAT
TIME COMES...

HE CAN'T
SEE US
QUITE YET,
BUT...

EVENTUALLY
HE'LL BE
ABLE TO
SEE US



HE'S THE
SUCCESSOR
OF THE
SHRINE

THAT
BOY OVER
THERE.



WHAT
ABOUT
YOUR-
SELF?

I AM CALLED
OTOMATSU...



YOU
DON'T
HAVE A
NAME
YET

AN-
THAT'S
RIGHT



YOU MAY
INTRODUCE
YOURSELF
TO HIM AS
HARU



TO GO...
YOU CAN'T
GO...

OTOMATSU
-SAMA...

HARU
-SAMA...

* HARU MEANS SPRING



PLEASE,
LOOK
AFTER
SATORU...

TAKE CARE
OF MY
GRANDSON...



WHEN
I AM
GONE...



I'M
HARU



SATORU...

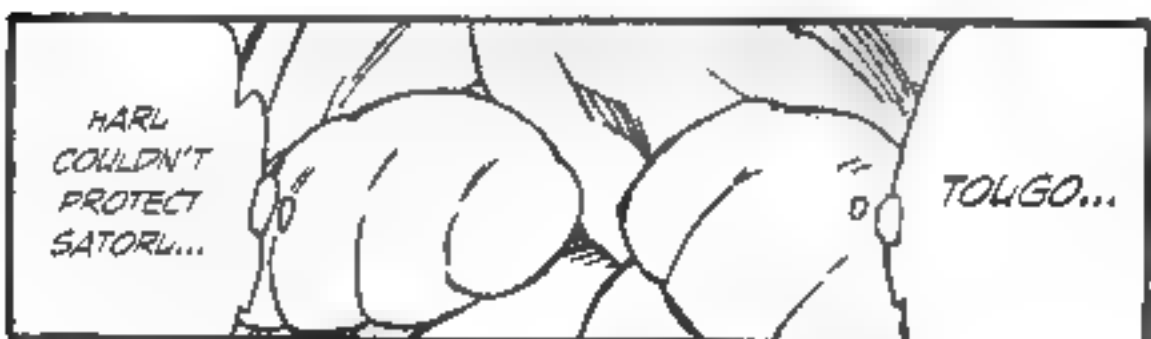


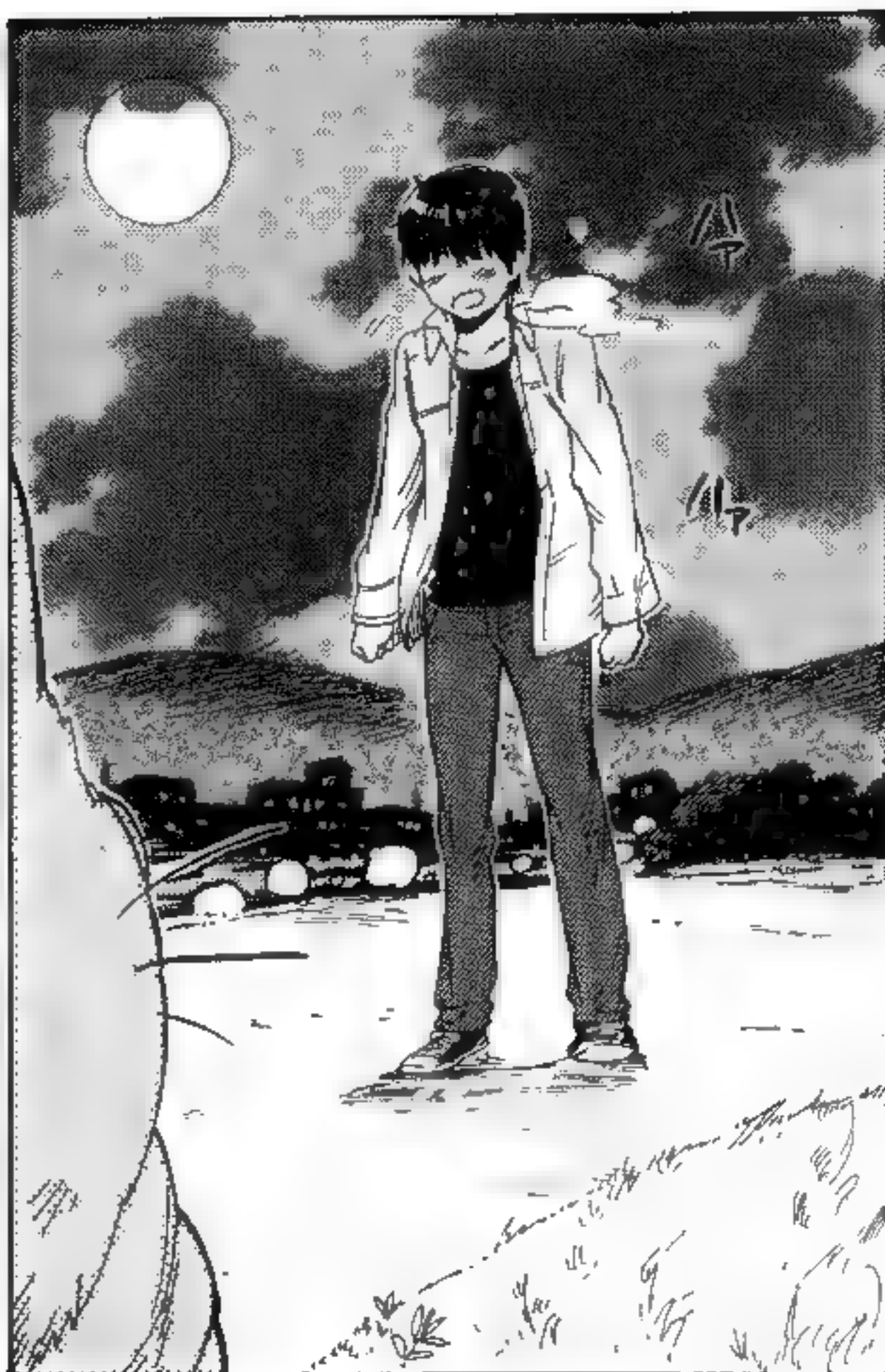
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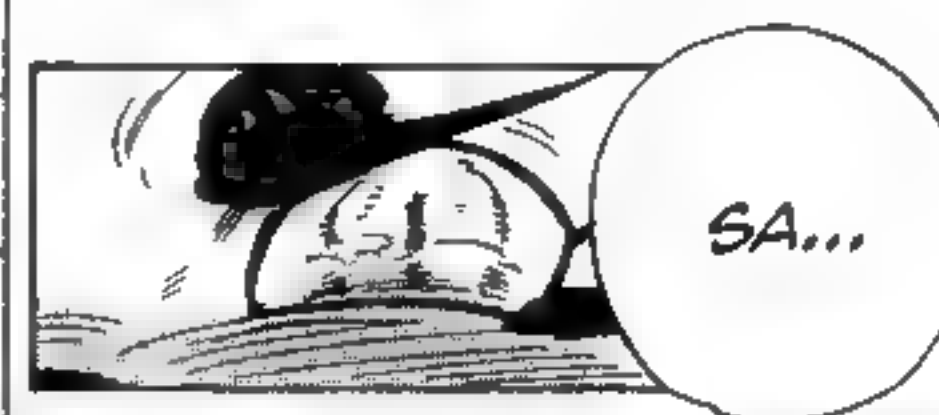


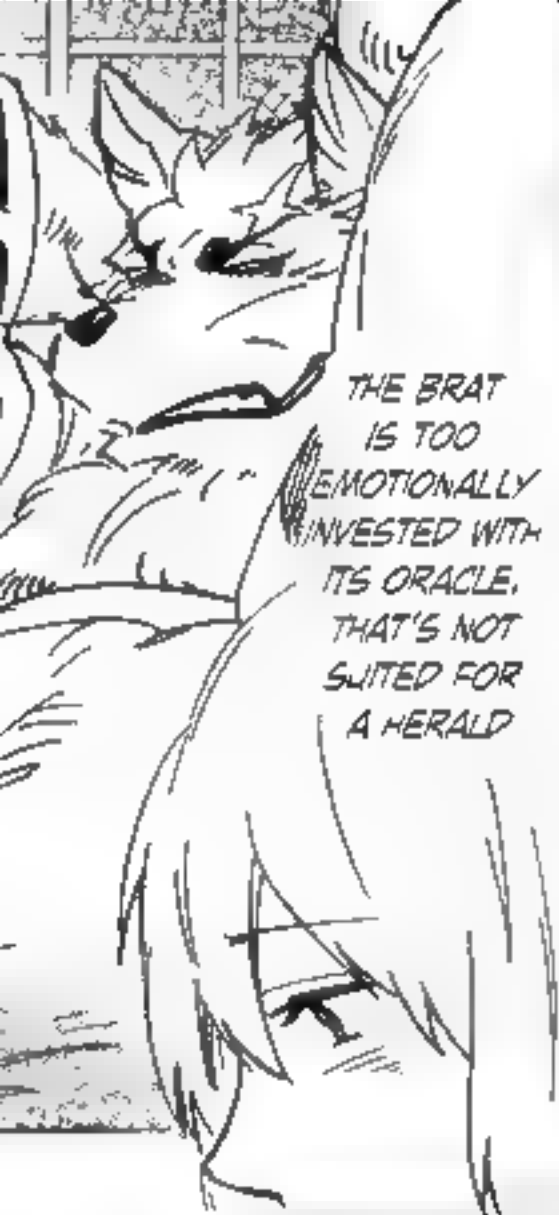
ASRU WILL
ALWAYS BE
WITH YOU...











THE BRAT
IS TOO
EMOTIONALLY
INVESTED WITH
ITS ORACLE.
THAT'S NOT
SUITED FOR
A HERALD



I MEAN,
THEY CAN'T
ACTUALLY
BE TOGETHER
FOREVER...

I'M
NOT SO
SURE...



NORMALLY,
YOU'D BE ALL
LIKE, "KYAA~
ISN'T THAT
GREAT~"

↑
high pitched

WHAT'S
WITH YOU?



YOU'RE ALL
KIDS, SO YOU
MIGHT NOT
UNDERSTAND
IT NOW

BUT NOT TOO
LONG FROM NOW,
YOU'LL FIND THE
RIGHT ANSWERS

YOU HUMANS
DO AS YOU
PLEASE
WHENEVER
YOU FEEL
LIKE IT

YOU
SHOULDN'T
WORRY
ABOUT SUCH
POINTLESS
THINGS



YOU'RE
THINKING
ABOUT IT
TOO HARD

AH



I GUESS
THIS IS
FINE FOR
NOW...



...RIGHT...

ONCE
YOU'RE
OLDER
THAT IS









?

Oh boy~



Is that better?

HOW ABOUT I CALL YOU HARU-KUN?

!!



Quit be-littling me!

SORRY, SORRY. I GUESS I CAN'T GO CALLING YOU HARU-CHAN ALL THE TIME



WHAA??

HARU IS A GIRL!!



IT'S LATE, LET'S GO INSIDE

I'LL GET INTO TROUBLE AGAIN IF I STAY OUT LATE PRACTICING



...



I'VE NEVER SEEN HARU SO HAPPY BEFORE

WHAT ABOUT YOUR-SELF?

HMM



Sorry, sorry!



OLD AS I AM,
I'LL BE AROUND
LONG ENOUGH TO
SEE THE END OF
THIS SHRINE'S
LINEAGE

BESIDES,
THERE ARE
PLENTY OF
NORMAL
PEOPLE HERE
TO KEEP ME
COMPANY



I WON'T
LEAVE
OTOMATSU
-SAMA
HERE BY
HIMSELF

I'LL TALK
TO HARU
AGAIN

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
ME

HARU IS
YOUNG, SHE
SHOULD GO
OUT AND
SEE THE
WORLD



WELL,
DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
THAT

FOR HARU,
YOU'RE...

SATORU...
YOU REALLY
GREW UP TO
LOOK LIKE
SEIGO

YOU MEAN,
MY GREAT-
GRAND-
FATHER?



SATORU

**DON'T
WORRY
TOO
MUCH**



DON'T
WORRY,
HUH...



Hey, I have
a name!

SATORU,
THIS GIRL'S
DEFINITELY...



Kamio Satoru

16 years old,
Second year
High Schooler
His home is also
a shrine, but
due to personal
circumstances,
he left home
Currently staying
at Saeki shrine (?)



Haru

Satoru's shrine's fox spirit
Always around Satoru
Is now living at Saeki shrine
Because she's young, unlike Gin, she's really energetic
Often mistaken for a boy, but is actually a girl
Standoffish with Makoto and Gin,
but all happy gogo with Satoru
About 80 years old